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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. This version is restructured to conform to the new basic instruction.

**2.6.3.** Distinctive civilian clothing is authorized for ACC band members as directed by the band commander. Other agencies/functions desiring to wear civilian attire in lieu of the military uniform will submit requests to HQ ACC/A1K through the local Force Support Squadron (FSS) and installation commander. Requests will include a detailed description of clothing to be worn, complete wear instructions and specific justification.

2.6.7. **Attachment 8** prescribes ACC Security Forces Bike Patrol Uniforms authorized for all ACC installations.

2.6.8. Installation commanders are authorized to prescribe wear of “personal hydration systems” with ABUs, FDUs, PTUs and IPTUs while on home station (e.g., location, time of year, etc.).

**2.7. Numbered Air Force (NAF), Direct Reporting Unit (DRU) and Field Operating Agency (FOA) Commanders.** NAFs, DRUs and FOAs reporting to ACC must send supplements to HQ ACC/A1K to be processed for approval prior to publishing. Send drafts to HQ ACC/A1K: [ACC.A1Kad@langley.af.mil](mailto:ACC.A1Kad@langley.af.mil).

**2.8. Installation Commanders or Equivalent.** Base supplements must be approved by HQ ACC/A1K, prior to publishing. Send drafts to HQ ACC/A1K: [ACC.A1Kad@langley.af.mil](mailto:ACC.A1Kad@langley.af.mil).

5.1.1.1. Officers who routinely work or periodically visit industrial areas (i.e., flight line or aircraft maintenance areas) must wear subdued cloth rank insignia.

5.1.7. Hoods of parkas and outer garments are considered headgear. Appropriate headgear must be worn when the hood is not in use.

6.4.3.2. The wear of black boots with ABUs in industrial work environments or in work centers where industrial products or processes cause irreparable staining to the sage green boot is temporarily authorized. Black boots will not be worn outside of the affected work environment. This exception is in effect until a stain-resistant green boot becomes available and is not specifically restricted to flightline activities. Installation commanders will designate their approved black boot wear areas in the base supplement.

6.5.2.3. Installation commanders will prescribe the wear of long-sleeved turtlenecks, dickies, mock necks, and thermal undergarments with the wear of the ABU/FDU/DFDU/Informal Uniforms in base supplements.

8.1.2. See ACC paragraph **9.1.1**

8.3.1.1. For ACC staff personnel, members may wear the FDU configured as their most recently assigned flying unit.

8.3.3. The DFDU may be worn during contingencies, exercises, deployments, and tactical training requiring desert camouflage as appropriate for climactic conditions. The DFDU will not be worn as a day-to-day uniform.

8.3.9. The pen pocket flap located on the left sleeve may be removed.

8.4.5.1. **(Added)** Nametags. The installation commander will identify the color of the cloth and embroidery for each organization (i.e., squadron, group, wing, etc.) in

an appropriate supplement to AFI 36-2903. Name (in block letters) and appropriate aeronautical badges (wings) will be embroidered. Wings will be approximately 2 3/4 inches by 5/8 inch in size. Other badges to include the parachutist badge will be proportioned accordingly. Members have the option of wearing either one or two badges (aeronautical wings are mandatory.) . If two badges are worn, the aeronautical wings will be approximately two inches wide to allow two badges to fit properly on the name tag. Badges and name are centered. No other emblems or silhouettes are permitted. For officers, last name is mandatory; first name, initial(s), or common nicknames are optional provided they are in good taste (e.g., member may use "SAMUEL P. JONES," "SAM JONES," "S. JONES," "ACE JONES," or "JONES"). For enlisted personnel; last name and abbreviated rank (e.g., SSgt, TSgt, MSgt, etc.), initial(s), or common nicknames are optional provided they are in good taste (e.g., member may use "TSGT SAMUEL P. JONES," "TSGT SAM JONES," "TSGT S. JONES," "TSGT ACE JONES," or "TSGT JONES").

8.4.5.1.1. **(Added)** For personnel assigned to the ACC headquarters staff, last name is mandatory and common nicknames are authorized provided they are in good taste. Cloth embroidered, royal blue background (not navy, not light blue), silver lettering, silver border, and silver occupational badge are authorized.

8.4.6. A silhouette shape of the ACC Command Emblem will be centered on the right breast of the FDU/DFDU, above the pocket. A 3 1/2 x 3 1/2-inch square piece will be placed on each sleeve just below the shoulder for authorized patches.

8.4.7. Left Sleeve. A vivid emblem, approximately 3 X 3 inches in size, of the appropriate parent wing, separate operating group, or numbered air force will be worn on the Velcro. Members may wear the Weapons School Patch, USAF Test Pilot School (graduate or instructor) upon completion of the appropriate school. Installation commanders prescribe wear of the U.S. flag on the FDU. If prescribed, implementation will be installation wide.

8.4.8.1. **(Added)** Right Sleeve. A vivid emblem, approximately 3 X 3 inches in size, of the squadron assigned to for flying will be worn.

8.4.9.1. **(Added)** Add-On Patches. Add-on patches are those that "extend" existing patches. They must be approved by HQ ACC/CV in accordance with current COMACC delegation authority. Staff requests to HQ ACC/A1K: [ACC.A1Kad@langley.af.mil](mailto:ACC.A1Kad@langley.af.mil).

8.4.9.2. **(Added)** Emblems/patches not specifically addressed in this instruction must be approved by HQ ACC/CV in accordance with current COMACC delegation authority.

8.4.10. Neckwear. Installation commanders will prescribe the wear of neckwear in their base supplement. The installation commander will determine the requirement to wear scarves with the FDU when not flying. Scarves will be in distinctive unit (squadron or wing) colors. The FDU front zipper will be closed to within approximately 3 inches of the neckline. Scarves will be worn around the neck and must be tucked in.

8.5.1. Flight Jacket. Sleeves will be worn full length (not pushed up).

8.6.3. See ACC paragraph [9.11](#)

9.1.1. Installation commanders will prescribe other functional clothing in their base supplements. Installation commanders will provide wear instructions in the base supplement to AFI 36-2903 as a minimum, for at least the following:

9.1.1.1. Watch cap (See 6.2.7. and 6.2.8.)

9.1.1.2. Coveralls

9.1.1.3. Flight jacket or short parka by non-flying personnel (such as pole climbers)

9.1.1.4. Specialized Winter Flight Clothing

9.1.1.5. Reflective tape, jackets and arm bands

9.1.1.6. Protective hair/head coverings (Wearing these head coverings is authorized only when work is being performed which requires the protection from the elements of work, e.g. paint, oil, grease, sprays, and so forth.)

9.1.1.7. Protective footwear (See also [6.4.3.2](#))

9.11.18. **(Added)** Demonstration Teams.

9.11.18.1. **(Added)** USAF Demonstration Squadron. The Commander, USAF Air Demonstration Squadron is authorized to prescribe distinctive uniform items for wear by members assigned to that organization, subject to approval of CSAF.

9.11.18.2. Aerial Demonstration Teams. The owning wing commander is authorized to prescribe distinctive uniform items for wear by members assigned to aerial demonstration teams within that organization, subject to approval of CSAF.

9.12.5.1. Religious apparel waiver requests should be forwarded, when appropriate, to HQ ACC/A1K: [ACC.A1Kad@langley.af.mil](mailto:ACC.A1Kad@langley.af.mil). Include an information copy of subject requests to HQ ACC/HC: [ACC/HC@langley.af.mil](mailto:ACC/HC@langley.af.mil). All religious apparel waiver requests will be coordinated at the MAJCOM level with HQ ACC/HC.

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**Attachment 1**

**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

***References***

AFI 36-2903, IC 1, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*, 1 June 2012

AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, 1 March 2008

***Adopted Forms***

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

***Abbreviations and Acronyms***

**ACC**—Air Combat Command

**COMACC**—Commander, Air Combat Command

**DRU**—Direct Reporting Unit

**FOA**—Field Operating Agency

**FSS**—Force Support Squadron

**HQ ACC/A1**—Headquarters ACC Directorate of Manpower, Personnel and Services

**HQ ACC/A1K**—Headquarters ACC Personnel Division

**NAF**—Numbered Air Force

**Attachment 8 (Added)****SECURITY FORCES BIKE PATROL UNIFORMS**

**A8.1. GENERAL.** May be issued and worn as authorized by local Defense Force Commander. This uniform will be worn exclusively during the performance of bike patrol duties. Personnel will not perform other security forces duties (i.e., installation entry control, vehicle patrol, etc.) while wearing the bike patrol uniform.

A8.1.1. **SHIRT.** Light blue short-sleeved Polo style knit shirt with collar. Buttoned plackets, welt cuffs and hemmed bottom. Screen print or embroider back of shirt to read "POLICE" in five-inch block-style capital letters. Letters will be centered on the back of the shirt with the top of the letters approximately 5-inches below the bottom of the collar. On the front left breast is a screen print or embroidered security police shield. Shield will be three to five inches in height and will be centered between the left arm and placket. Front right breast pocket is screen print or embroidered rank and last name only centered between the right arm and placket level with the shield. All screen print and embroidery will be in dark blue.

A8.1.2. **SHORTS.** Loose fitting dark blue hemmed shorts made of all weather type material. Shorts will come within 2-3 inches of the top of the knee cap when standing. Shorts will have two side entered pockets at hips and two closing pockets on front thigh or side seam. Rear pockets are optional. Waist will have Velcro or snap type belt keepers, elastic back, and drawstring or snap waist. Reflective strip is optional; however if worn, will be located on the side seam in white only.

A8.1.2.1. **TROUSERS (OPTIONAL).** In lieu of shorts above, member may wear loose fitting dark blue trousers made of all weather type material made to cover the ankle when standing. Trousers will have two side entered pockets at hips and two closing pockets on front thigh or side seam. Rear pockets are optional. Waist will have Velcro or snap type belt keepers, elastic back, and drawstring or snap waist. Reflective strip is optional; however if worn, will be located on the side seam in white only. Trousers may have either elastic or gusseted zipper at hem line. Optional items for the pants include pleated reinforced knees and elastic stirrup.

A8.1.3. **FOOTWEAR.** Rugged black tennis shoes and laces. May be running, cross training, basketball, or coach style. Will not have company logo unless discrete and in black.

A8.1.4. **SOCKS.** Socks may be either white or black. Socks will be ankle length and will not be pulled over the calf.

A8.1.5. **BELT.** Black leather or nylon belt, holster and ammunition pouch.

A8.1.6. **HEADGEAR.** White helmet meeting applicable safety standards as outlined in AFI 91-207, *The US Air Force Traffic Safety Program*, 27 Oct 2011. Left and right side of helmet will read "POLICE" in one inch black capital letters. When dismounted from the bike for an extended period of time (e.g., walking patrol) or off-duty, wear the standard security police beret or organization baseball cap approved by the installation commander.

A8.1.7. **UNDERGARMENTS.** Appropriate undergarments as necessary. Compression underwear shorts are authorized. If worn, they will not be visible at anytime while wearing the bike patrol uniform.

A8.1.8. JACKET (OPTIONAL). Waist length royal blue over dark blue, zipper closed, with collar (polo style) and optional zip-off vest. Jacket and vest will be made of all weather type material. Jacket will have Velcro or elastic closing cuff, elastic waistband, Velcro on breast pocket for the standard aircrew style name tag with security police shield, and dual diagonal side entered hand pockets in front. Optional items for the jacket include microphone tab at left or right shoulder, pen pocket on breast, top entered interior welt pockets, and white reflective tape at hem line and front/back of sleeves. Vest will be waist length royal blue over dark blue, zipper closed, have an elastic waistband, Velcro on breast pocket for the standard aircrew style name tag with security police shield, and dual diagonal side entered hand pockets in front. Vest collar may be same as jacket collar when worn together. Optional items for the vest include epaulets, two Velcro belt keepers at back of waistband, buttons at top and bottom of front closing zipper, top entered interior welt pockets, and pen pocket on breast.